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Overview of UNHCR Activities Report for 1989-1990

Addendum

Section III, part (g) - General Programmes: Budget Summary - 1990 (revised)/1991

1. Reference is made to paragraphs 99 and 100 of document A/AC.96/753 (the Overview Document), which deal with the 1990 General Programmes target amounting to $ 378,885,900 (including the $ 38.0 million deficit from 1989) approved by the Extraordinary session of the Executive Committee held in May 1990, and with the initial 1991 General Programmes target amounting to $ 330,211,400. Reference is also made to the addendum to the parts of document A/AC.96/751(Part I) dealing with assistance to Liberian refugees (A/AC.96/751(Part I)/Add.1).

Update of programme requirements for 1990

2. A further programme review was carried out in August 1990 by Field Offices and Headquarters units concerned which concentrated on examining any changes that had occurred since the budget estimates were first established and on identifying any possible additional economies without jeopardizing the viability of projects. In view of the considerable reductions already effected, the margin for further decreases was rather limited. The review resulted in a number of adjustments on account of exchange rate variations,

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caseload changes and evolving programme needs. However, any savings identified are largely off-set by exchange losses incurred against a weakening dollar and by higher unit costs as a result of inflation.

3. As regards Programme Support and Administration (PSA) and Project Personnel Expenditure (PPE), the deteriorating dollar exchange rate will result in additional costs, possibly up to $ 1.2 million, for Headquarters alone. Costs beyond those budgeted initially are now also expected in regard to staff rotation. Every effort will be made to absorb these increases within present budgetary provisions by reinforcing the austerity measures that were started earlier in the year. However, the Office is still in the process of determining the financial implications of the retrenchment exercise currently underway. Until a full assessment of the costs is available, possibly by the end of September, it is estimated that they could be in the range of two to four million dollars. If this indeed proves to be the case, the High Commissioner will revert to the Executive Committee for further guidance on how to proceed.

4. In view of the fact that those changes which have been identified do not substantially modify the overall situation as assessed in April, the present budgetary target of $ 378.9 million is maintained. At the same time, it is anticipated from the recent programme review that, barring any unforeseen developments between now and year-end, the actual global expenditure at year-end should remain at some two to two and a half per cent below the approved target, i.e., some $ 370.0 million including the $ 38.0 million deficit carried over from 1989.

1991 Requirements

5. The submission to the forty-first session of the Executive Committee provides for a 1991 General Programmes target of $ 330,211,400. Whilst the August review focused on 1990 requirements, at the same time it confirmed that, except for the Liberian situation, there have been no substantial developments since May 1990 which would at this stage necessitate an amendment to the initial estimates for 1991.

6. With regard to the Liberians, the General Programmes target as initially forecast in document A/AC.96/751(Part I) includes $ 8,349,800 for Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea. Since the preparation of these estimates, an emergency operation has begun in Sierra Leone for Liberians who have entered that country and the caseload in the other two countries has increased considerably. Revised estimates for assistance in 1991 to refugees in these three countries are now put at $ 23,247,000 (excluding some $ 5,600,000 in internal transport costs expected to be met by WFP). Please refer to document A/AC.96/751 (Part I)/Add.1 for the relevant details.

7. As a result of the Liberian situation, the High Commissioner is seeking an increase in the 1991 General Programmes Target (paragraphs 99 to 103 and Table II of document A/AC.96/753 refer) with the following amendments:

(In United States Dollars)

- Initial proposals for 1991 General Programmes as per Table II of document A/AC.96/753	330,211,400
- Additional requirements on account of new situation/ increased caseload:	
a) Côte d'Ivoire	2,658,400
b) Republic of Guinea	9,242,800
c) Sierra Leone	2,996,000
- Resulting increase in Overall Programme Reserve	446,900
- Revised 1991 General Programmes	345,555,500

8. The table in paragraph 99 of document A/AC.96/753, showing the regional breakdown of 1989 expenditure and 1990/91 estimates for General Programmes, and Table II of the same document have been amended accordingly and are attached as Annexes 1 and 2 respectively.

9. In light of the above changes, paragraph 104 (ii) of Section III (g) of document A/AC.96/753 under "Summary of Proposals requiring the formal approval of the Executive Committee - Financial Matters" is hereby amended as follows:

"(ii) Approve the country and area programmes and the overall allocations for the 1991 General Programmes amounting to $ 345,555,500 (including $ 10.0 million Emergency Fund) as contained in document A/AC.96/751 (Parts I to V), summarized in column 10 of Table II, document A/AC.96/753 and amended with document A/AC.96/751 (Part I)/Add.1."

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(Replacing the Table
on page 25, paragraph 99
of Document A/AC.96/753)

(in US dollars)

1989		1990		1991
EXPENDITURE	REGION	INITIAL BUDGET "NOTED" BY 40th EXCOM a/	REVISED BUDGET APPROVED BY EXTRAORDINARY EXCOM	INITIAL BUDGET ESTIMATES
168,288,819	Africa	167,743,700	151,804,700 (11,000,000) b/	170,423,700 (19,400,000) b/
66,699,529	Asia & Oceania	62,116,800	54,605,900	48.041,000
17,803,652	Europe & North America	25,871,800 c/	21,701,700	20,115,700
32,631,508	Latin America	33,686,500	25,742,700	28,758,400
58,875,227	S.W.Asia/MEA/N.Africa	67,541,500	52,911,700	53.820,400
32,311,088	Overall Allocations	28,142,000	32,089,200	29,035,900
376,609,823	TOTAL PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES	385,102,300	338,855,900 (11,000,000) b/	342,195,100 (19,400,000) b/
	Programme Reserve	19,254,700	3,000,000 d/	12,760,400 e/
376,609,823	TOTAL ANNUAL PROGRAMME	404,357,000	330,855,900	335,555,500
9,975,582	EMERGENCY FUND	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
386,585,405 f/	TOTAL GENERAL PROGRAMMES	414,357,000	340,855,900	345,555,500

a/ Document A/AC.96/729 refers

b/ Reduction represents estimated inland transportation, storage and handling (ITSH) to be met by World Food Programme (WFP)

c/ Increase due mainly to transfer of staff costs from UN Regular Budget to UNHCR voluntary funds (General Programmes) effective 1 January 1990

d/ of which US$1.5 million reserved for staff cost increases as approved by the General Assembly effective 01/07/1990, but yet to be identified by location

e/ of which US$3.0 million reserved for staff cost increases as approved by the General Assembly effective 01/07/1990, but yet to be identified by location; the balance represents 3% of total programmed activities as a Programme Reserve

f/ of which US$ 38,030,000 to be met from 1990 income, as authorized by the Executive Committee at its 40th Session

TABLE II

UNHCR EXPENDITURE IN 1989, 1990 AND 1991 - ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS (in thousands of US dollars)

Regional Bureau/ Overall allocations	1989 Expenditure			1990 Estimates			1991 Projections		
	Operations	Prog. Supp. & Admin. a/	Total	Operations	Prog. Supp. & Admin. a/	Total	Operations	Prog. Supp. & Admin. a/	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
AFRICA									
General Programmes	165,811.4	10,850.9	176,662.3	132,212.5	13,688.4	145,828.9	138,439.9	12,583.8	151,023.7
Special Programmes	75,585.1	2,420.6	78,014.7	83,457.5	1,997.7	85,455.2	40,890.5	1,997.7	42,888.2
Regular Budget		3,186.4	3,186.4			0.0			0.0
Sub-total	241,397.5	16,387.9	257,784.4	225,670.0	15,686.1	241,356.1	179,130.4	14,581.5	193,711.9
ASIA AND OCEANIA									
General Programmes	63,761.7	4,708.7	67,470.4	48,231.1	6,194.8	54,425.9	42,889.1	5,831.9	48,841.0
Special Programmes	40,249.7	1,128.9	41,378.6	78,434.6	1,217.7	79,652.3	78,459.6	1,867.8	79,767.4
Regular Budget		1,867.8	1,867.8			0.0			0.0
Sub-total	103,811.4	6,925.4	109,936.8	126,665.7	7,412.5	134,078.2	120,788.7	7,699.7	127,608.4
EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA									
General Programmes	14,634.7	4,193.2	18,827.9	13,863.8	8,438.7	21,701.7	11,655.1	8,459.8	20,115.7
Special Programmes	4,655.8	616.5	5,270.2	15,796.4	220.8	16,114.4	181.5	263.8	444.5
Regular Budget		3,515.6	3,515.6			0.0			0.0
Sub-total	19,290.5	8,323.3	27,613.8	28,657.4	8,358.7	37,816.1	11,837.2	8,723.8	20,560.2
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN									
General Programmes	28,234.6	2,536.5	32,771.1	22,427.5	3,915.2	26,342.7	16,759.9	3,598.5	20,358.4
Special Programmes	5,936.9	868.3	6,797.2	33,384.8	981.0	34,265.8	4,684.5	901.0	5,585.5
Regular Budget		841.9	841.9			0.0			0.0
Sub-total	34,171.5	4,247.1	40,100.6	55,811.6	4,896.2	60,627.7	21,444.4	4,499.5	25,947.9
SOUTH WEST ASIA, NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST									
General Programmes	56,578.3	3,653.1	60,232.4	45,214.5	3,697.2	52,911.7	50,426.4	3,391.8	53,818.4
Special Programmes	43,252.8	788.8	44,040.6	48,479.5	769.7	41,249.2	7,686.8	733.2	8,339.2
Regular Budget		282.6	282.6			0.0			0.0
Sub-total	99,831.1	4,723.7	104,555.8	89,694.0	4,467.9	94,161.9	58,913.4	4,127.2	63,159.6
OVERALL ALLOCATIONS									
General Programmes	3,320.9	26,567.8	29,887.9	16,659.1	22,619.1	32,669.2	7,981.3	21,854.7	29,835.9
Special Programmes	6,101.9	3,149.8	9,251.7	29,862.3	661.8	29,504.1	58,305.3	355.4	58,260.7
Regular Budget		6,233.8	6,233.4		16,667.8	16,667.8		17,296.3	17,296.3
Sub-total	9,422.8	36,948.8	46,371.6	38,121.4	39,119.7	78,241.1	66,886.5	38,786.1	105,592.9
PROGRAMME RESERVE b/				3,000.0 c/		3,000.0 c/	12,760.4 c/		12,760.4 c/
EMERGENCY FUND b/				4,383.6 c/		4,383.6 c/	10,000.0 c/		10,000.0 c/
GRAND TOTAL	503,127.8	77,536.2	586,664.0 d/	573,203.8	60,571.1	653,774.9	480,864.8	78,177.3	559,041.3
Of which : GENERAL PROGRAMMES	333,343.6	53,509.8	385,853.4	283,591.5	58,260.6	340,855.9	250,833.6	55,522.9	305,555.5
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES	175,785.2	5,953.1	183,713.3	290,611.3 c/	5,636.9	296,251.2	150,777.6 c/	5,310.1	156,089.5
REGULAR BUDGET		17,868.3	17,868.3		16,667.8	16,667.8		17,296.3	17,296.3

a/Including total cost of UNHCR's statutory protection functions b/ Concerns General Programmes only c/Not yet allocated to specific regions

d/Does not include US$ 733,316 in obligations for Fund Staff Housing and Basic Amenities

e/Does not include projections for Refugee Aid and Development projects in Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan